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COUNTY HAS BIG TASK IN RAISING QUOTA

THERE MUST BE NO SLACKERS BOND BUYING OR MALHEUR WILL AGAIN FAIL TO GO OVER THE TOP.

WHOLE DISTRICT MUST WORK

Citizens of Dead Ox Flat, Big Bend and Other Communities Nearer to Idaho Than Oregon Cities Must Record Efforts in This State.

Facing a task greater than any yet imposed on the patriotic citizens of Malheur county the committees on the Third Liberty Loan are striving to arrange every detail of the drive which starts on April 6. No charge of lack of preparation or zeal in service of the volunteers will be permitted.

As never before the entire county is to be canvassed before the drive with speakers and publicity material. The effort is to be made in order that the number of purchasers of Liberty Bonds may be increased by nearly 200 per cent. Also the per capita subscriptions must be vastly increased if the campaign is to be a success. While the actual figures of the quota have not yet been announced, but is expected every day, it is known that it will be at least double that of the second Liberty Loan, or approximately \$600,000. To raise that the county must secure every dollar to which it is entitled.

Outlying Districts Warned.

The committee is particularly anxious that the people of Dead Ox Flat, the Big Bend and Owyhee regions, who by reason of their proximity to Idaho cities have heretofore been worked by committees from Payette or Parma, see to it that all of their subscriptions are turned in to their local committee and are properly credited to Malheur county. This is done merely in justice to themselves, to the county and to the state. The committees recognize that the money will all go to the same place and serve the cause of justice equally as well if subscribed elsewhere but their district will not receive its right recognition and the work of the county committee will thus be materially increased.

Booster Parade Planned.

The publicity committee of the Eastern Malheur District, from Arcadia to the North county line, has secured subscriptions to the publicity fund from local business men, or will have the fund completed by Friday evening. With this fund the loan will be advertised in every section of the district. Speakers will tour the entire region and a big booster parade is planned for April 6 which has the double significance of being the opening day of the campaign and the anniversary of the entry of the United States in the war.

Sam Green, chairman of the publicity committee received word Tuesday that the state committee would furnish a speaker or state wide reputation for the April 6 demonstration and at the suggestion of business men an effort will be made to have the day a holiday in Ontario with all business houses closed for the day.

HOLDS NOON LUNCH

The second of the Commercial Club luncheons was held at the Carter Hotel this noon. Only a small number was present.

In connection with the foreclosure against W. M. Wayman by the Mortgage Lands company, Referee William Walker took testimony at the City Hall Monday. A large number of and from Chicago were present.

County Clerk Again Candidate.

County Clerk Arthur M. Moody was in town Monday on business and dropped into the Argus to admit that he is again a candidate for that position. So far no opposing candidate has been mentioned.

P. J. Gallagher returned today from Portland, where he went on legal business in connection with the arraignment of William Grant of Princeton, who was arrested recently on a federal bench warrant.

TEAMSTERS STAGE FIRST STRIKE ON BIG DITCH

The first strike on the big Malheur Drainage Ditch took place Monday noon when eight teamsters demanded of J. A. Hoskins that their pay of \$3.50 for eight hours be increased. They did not get time to stipulate the figures they wanted, for Mr. Hoskins "gave them the gate" and let them go their way. Whether or not any of the men were members of the I. W. W. Mr. Hoskins did not know, but both he and his foremen are endeavoring to prevent the presence of any Wobblies in the camps.

CEMENT PIPE FOR DRAINAGE BEING MADE IN ONTARIO

At the rate of 94 feet per day the Portland Cement & Tile company, of which C. Spies is president is turning out the big 36-inch drains to be used in the Malheur Drainage District ditches. The company has leased a portion of the Claude Bingham plant, back of the City Hall, and the result that they are fast covering the vacant property near by. The concrete after mixing is placed in steam chests where it undergoes a 48-hour treatment and the result is being admired by many Ontarians every day. Mr. Bingham is making the smaller pipe and great quantities of that, too, is being turned out. James Doty has the contract for supplying the gravel that is used in the pipe while the Boise-Payette company is furnishing the cement.

MUST NAME NEW SET OF CITY DADS

Primary in May to Mark Change in Time of City Election—Entire Administration Must Be Selected.

Besides nominating a United States Senator or two, a governor and State officials and five County officials, the voters of Ontario will have in May the duty of nominating at the primaries a complete City administration.

As yet there has been no rush for the offices and it is doubtful whether the ballot will be jammed with aspirants for the various places. However, the voters have two months to look the field over. None of the present officials have signified a mad desire to leave the race.

Poll Books Open.

The poll books are now open for registration of persons who have acquired voting privileges since the last election. That includes those who have become of age or who have been in the state a sufficient length of time; also those who have become of age or who have changed precincts or have changed their name since then.

BIG BEND READY FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Sheepmen Feeding in Adrian Section Report Big Crops—Seedling in Progress—Wanted, a Lumber and Coal Yard.

Adrian, Ore., Mar. 19.—The committee for the Third Liberty Loan is all in line and ready for the signal to start. The members have practically all of the details arranged for so there will be no delay on April 6.

Mr. Gowen, the sheepman who fed his sheep south of town, had the misfortune to lose 75 tons of hay by fire last Saturday afternoon. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The lambing at the Haverfield-Harris camp is finished and the owners are well pleased with the results.

Adrian's store is to have a new awning, orders for which were given Monday.

Adrian folks are getting tired hauling lumber and coal 15 miles when a railroad goes by the town, and this is a gentle reminder to their friends to direct a coal and lumber man this way.

Mrs. Shelton and her two boys were in Boise Monday on business but remained over to hear Madame Melba. Miss Cosmack of the Big Bend school accompanied them.

Mr. Burroughs made a trip to New Plymouth last week. Harry Thompson of New Plymouth was a Big Bend visitor Saturday when he worked on his place here. His father is here this week to seed wheat and get ready for irrigation.

Harvey Otis went to Boise Monday on business for the fifty-foot ditch company.

A number of Adrian folks attended the contest at Owyhee Saturday evening and report a fine program. Mrs. Ben Logan and Miss Whipple of Adrian were the judges of the speaking.

Pete Christensen has 20 acres nearly ready to seed and M. Greefing has leveled his ground for a big new barn.

M. Mendola, the Owyhee sheepman, was a visitor at the Hickox ranch Sunday and declares that hay will command a good price this year.

At the Kingman school house Wednesday night Red Cross pictures will be shown and Miss Whipple will organize a Junior Red Cross.

H. S. TEAMS CONTINUE WINNING CONTESTS

Two Double Headers Played in Past Week—Only One Game in 4 Lost by Locals.

The local high school boys' basketball team successfully defended their record as an ever victorious team in two games during the past week. Last Thursday night the alumni of the high school took down the small end of the score in an 18 to 12 match, but not until after a hard fought contest.

On the same night the girls' team lost an interesting game to the College of Idaho team. The heavier and older girls were played to a standstill until the last four minutes of the game, when a series of baskets gave them a lead and a win by the score of 29 to 14. Miss Joyce Turner, O. H. S. 17, was one of the stars of the college team.

Tuesday night saw a double victory for the home team. The boys won in easy fashion from the Inter-mountain Institute of Weiser, running up the score of 44 to 15. Christensen, Howser and Madden of the local team were in unusual form and Rader playing for the first time this season caged several baskets in the last half. The girls played the alumni the same evening and were forced to extend themselves to win from the old-timers by the score of 14 to 10.

The alumni teams were composed of the following players:

Boys—Bryan Nech, Fred Test, Fred Gramme, James Smith, Joy Husted, Percy Zeller.

Girls—Jennie Honey, Hortense Wells, Marval Cayot, Rosanna Clement, Majory Turner.

YOUNG RANCHER DIES AS RESULT OF ABCESS

Charles Crane, aged 34, died at the hospital Monday morning following an illness of more than a month. His first suffering was caused by an abscess under his arm from which it was that he was recovering. The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, of which he was a member. Interment will be made at the Payette cemetery.

Mr. Crane was born at Charidon, Iowa, and came to Ontario with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson J. Crane, of Dead Ox Flat, in 1903, and has lived here continuously since. In 1910 he went to Kansas, where he was married to Miss Anna Ham, who, with one son, survives him. He also leaves two brothers, Pearl of Ontario and George of Payette and one sister, Myrtle Stewart of Ontario. Mr. Crane was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Methodist Episcopal church.

ENLISTS FOR RADIO SERVICE

Geo. H. Gilham, who has been cashier at the freight station for nearly a year, resigned his position last week to take a job with Uncle Sam. Mr. Gilham went to Portland, where he enlisted in the Navy, applying for radio service. He was accepted and sent home to await orders, which he was told would probably be forthcoming in a week or two.

For Sale—A few selected Banded Rock Cockerels and a few White Leghorns. C. E. Dibble, Payette, Idaho, Phone 29—3 r2.—Adv. 2.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The debaters from Wallowa visited the High School Friday afternoon and were shown thru the building. They were especially interested in the military and manual training departments, as Wallowa is not as fortunate as Ontario in having these departments.

Saturday morning the High School celebrated their debate victory by having an hour of good music. Thru the kindness of Mr. Douglass a victory was provided for the occasion, and the hearty applause with which each number was received attested the appreciation of the students.

At the close of the address on Thursday morning the High School's new flag was unveiled, while students and faculty joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

Last Friday night after the debate the girls of the senior class entertained the girls of the debating teams and the other high school girls at a reception. A very enjoyable time was passed, after which light refreshments were served.

Tuesday evening the Ontario High School boys defeated the Weiser Institute on the Ontario floor in a game of basketball to the tune of 44 to 15.

O. H. S. DEBATORS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ontario Secures Right to Meet Dalles Team for Honor to Go to Eugene on Final Contest.

The debating team of the local high school met and defeated the Wallowa High School team, champions of Northeastern Oregon, for the championship of Eastern Oregon at the High School auditorium last Friday night.

The local team was composed of Wesley Glenn and Clara Craig, who have been representing the High School in debates all winter. Attorney R. E. Haynes of Payette and J. D. Ryan of Weiser and Superintendent Miller of the Fruitland schools were the judges.

The question debated was, "Resolved that the United States should enter a League of Nations to Enforce the Decisions of an International Peace Court." The winning team upheld the affirmative.

The Ontario debaters will meet the team from The Dalles some time in April, having the same question and the same side. The winner of this debate meets a team from the coast for the state championship at Eugene. The University of Oregon pays the expenses of both teams in this final debate, and a silver trophy is awarded to the winning team.

The youthful debaters are to be congratulated on their excellent showing.

DIRECTORS OF BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION HOLD MEETING

At the City Hall today the directors of the Idaho-Oregon Beekeepers association are in session to receive the reports of President C. E. Dibble and P. J. Farrell, who have recently returned from the East. While there they considered the problems which will be presented by bee men in getting supplies. According to the reports of the directors present the outlook is favorable for a big year, the bees having wintered well.

COUNTY SCRAPER DOES EFFECTIVE STREET WORK

A number of Ontario's side streets are getting the surprise of their hives for their surface is being nicely rounded up by the county scraper which trails behind the handsome new tractor which the county court has acquired for road work. The crew under the direction of County Engineer Farmer and Street Commissioner Sanford trimmed Oregon street Monday and since then has traversed the side streets. The improvement resulting is evident.

While this is going on in town Mr. Farmer has a crew at work on the Boulevard with the big steam tractor.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS.

The members of the Congregational brotherhood held a dinner gathering last night at the church. Superintendent of Schools H. R. Douglas discussed the need for playground and recreational training in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hill returned last Friday from Harney, where they went to bury their baby son, Chester Earl, who died of pneumonia earlier in the week. Little Chester's twin brother, Cecil Emory, who was also ill, is recovering and doing well.

DOG POISONER GETTING IN NEPAHOUS WORK HERE

The south end of the city is the scene of the activity of a most unkind person. During the past few weeks many of the finest dogs and cats of that section have been poisoned. The handsome Ankora owned by Mrs. C. R. Emison, a fine Maltese, owned by Mrs. J. Prinsing, another owned by J. C. McCraith, have gone to the canine heaven, while dogs owned by Jas. G. Smith and H. H. Tunny have been poisoned. Dr. A. G. Moore has performed post mortems on some of these and declares that small pieces of meat with strychnine was the poison used. Mr. Tunny, whose dog died today, declares he will pay \$100 for information leading to the guilty person.

FRENCH FLOWERS IN BLOOM IN FEBRUARY

Ray Bailey Writes of Pretty Gardens and Big Christmas Dinner—Also of Day of "Rest."

In a letter to James Guerin, which reached Ontario this week, Ray Bailey, formerly of this city, says in part:

"It is just like spring here now (February 17) and the French are putting in their gardens. The flowers are in bloom and the weather is fine. We had only one little snow storm and the snow went off in a few days. By the time you get this, I suppose, you'll have your garden in."

"This is Sunday so I found time to write, this is my third letter, and besides that I have washed my clothes, shaved and I'll have to mend some clothes, too, and they call this our 'day of rest.' That's going some."

"We had a big time Christmas. I got packages of tobacco and cigarettes, a sewing kit, and had a big turkey dinner. We had a fine trip over, I did not get seasick tho' it got rough once and the waves went over the forward deck."

"There is not much we can write home so will close, hoping you'll write soon."

RAY BAILEY.

"CONQUERING KING" WILL BE SONG BY SPECIAL CHORUS

Under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Culbertson of the High School a chorus of 16 voices, accompanied by piano and three violins, will present the cantata, "The Conquering King," at the Congregational church Easter evening, March 31, at 7:30 o'clock.

"The Conquering King," by Loren Wilson, is one of the favorites in Easter cantatas. This large chorus has been drilling for some time and are already doing excellent work. Mr. F. E. Nelson, director of music in the Payette school, and Mr. Irving Culbertson, also of Payette, are assisting in the production. The following will take part:

Sopranos—Mrs. H. L. Peterson, Miss Reba Callin, Miss Viola Husted, Ruth McCulloch.

Altos—Miss Rose Krosten, Mrs. Davis, Miss Opal Farley, and Miss Della Hill.

Tenors—Mr. Irving Culbertson and Mr. T. E. Nelson.

Bassos—Mr. Lloyd Culbertson, Mr. Paul McCulloch, Mr. Irwin Troxell, and Mr. S. M. Boucher.

Violinists—Mrs. C. F. Cox, Miss Mame Benge and Mr. W. C. Beaumgard.

Miss Luella Callins, pianist, Mr. Lloyd Culbertson, director.

Easter Morning Service.

Special music Easter morning at 11 o'clock.

Vocal Solo, "Calvary," Mrs. H. L. Peterson.

Selections from the Easter Cantata, "Resurrection Morn," by the chorus.

Palm Sunday.

At 11 o'clock next Sunday morning (March 24) the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem will be celebrated in sermon and song. Mr. Culbertson will sing "The Palm." A cordial invitation is extended to all readers of the Argus to attend these services.

TEACHERS GO TO HEAR MELBA.

A number of the teachers made the trip to Boise Monday evening to hear Melba sing, returning on the early Tuesday morning train. Those who enjoyed the treat were Mrs. F. J. Clemo and Misses Luella Callin, Rhea Biggs, Cora McNulty, Mae Platt, Mame Benge and Leona Rader.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the many kindly acts of neighborly sympathy which were done for us during our sorrow in the illness and death of our son Chester Earl, for the floral tokens and assistance rendered, we wish to express our deepest gratitude.

MR. AND MRS. EMORY HILL.

HAVE NOT ABANDONED HOPE FOR U. S. HELP

C. W. MALLETT BACK FROM WASHINGTON DECLARES THAT STILL RELIEVES REFUGEE SITUATION SERVICE WILL HELP.

AUGUST IS TIME FOR ACTION

Declares American Farmers Should Be Able to Supply Wheat for All the Allies—Everyone Optimistic Over War Situation.

C. W. Mallett returned Tuesday evening from Washington still strong in the belief that aid for the Warm Springs system will be secured from the federal government. Mr. Mallett declared that at the last session held with the reclamation officials it was declared that there is not now in the funds money for the project but that the matter should be presented when the budget is prepared in August.

Patience, therefore, is the virtue which the people of this section should cultivate, in the opinion of Mr. Mallett, for ultimately he believes the funds will be available.

Speaking about the war congress, which he had the pleasure of seeing in action, Mr. Mallett declared that it was a most earnest body, showing evident desire to serve the nation faithfully with but one end in view, that of winning the war. This, too, he declared was the attitude of the people throughout the East, and it was evident that a spirit of optimism prevails.

"The war is a mighty task," said Mr. Mallett. "It will take the energy of every man of us. It is a crying shame that America should be forced to eat war bread. The farmers of America can raise enough wheat to feed the world if given the man power necessary to handle the crops."

KNIGHTS DO DEGREE WORK AT BAKER INITIATION SUNDAY

Ontario Knights of Columbus went to Baker last Saturday evening on No. 5 and returned early Monday morning, tired and happy after an interesting session at Baker, where they exemplified the third degree on 29 candidates. Those who made the trip were: P. J. Gallagher, H. H. Tunny, J. R. Fortier, C. C. Doffries, Gene McCoy, Michael H. Joyce, Jas. G. Smith and Andy Manoman.

GREAT STOCK SALE BILLED FOR SATURDAY ATTRACTING

Buyers from all over the valley and from distant points in Idaho are expected here Saturday and Monday to attend the sales to be held by the Ontario Sales company, Messrs. Carter & Clement, the company managers, and J. A. Hany, of the old well Horse & Mule company, are completing the details of the auction, which is the biggest one of its kind ever held in this section.

Manager Turner of the Shorthorn Readers association of the Northwest, was in Ontario Monday to arrange the details of the big Shorthorn sale to take place here during the Cattle Dealers' convention, April 22, 23, and 24.

MOTHERS CLUB FORMS ITS ORGANIZATION HERE TODAY

At a meeting held this afternoon the Mother's club of Ontario was formed with Mrs. H. H. Douglass, president; Mrs. C. S. Watson, vice-president; Mrs. W. G. Howe, secretary, and Mrs. H. L. Poorman, treasurer. Fifteen charter members on the club rolls and others are constitutional organizers of the Children's Welfare association was formed, a working jointly. Mrs. Samson, tall in initiating the order here.

RED CROSS WOMEN SENDING MORE THAN TON OF CLOTHING

Ontario's Council room never was busier than it is these days. Under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Finney, Mrs. A. L. Sproule and Mrs. J. Payne workers are busy preparing for the packing of a ton of used clothing which Ontario folk have given for the Belgian refugees. Box upon box is being packed, and lots of the goods are in excellent condition and some of the little baby clothes were parted with only because of the space from suffering Belgians. There is still time to add to what has been given and the women urge those who can not do so to bring their offerings at once. An especial appeal is made for children's clothing but good women garments for persons of all ages will be accepted. Country folks will have until Monday to get their bundles to the city hall.

The many friends of L. Adams are glad to know that he is making steady progress toward recovery. He was able to be up in a wheel chair this week. On his further recovery Mr. and Mrs. Adams are planning on a trip to California.

The Carleton club met this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Drane.